

**TOWN OF TREMONT  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TREMONT COMMUNITY BUILDING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005  
6:00PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The August 22, 2005 Selectmen's meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Harper at 6:00pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were Chairman Steve Harper, Selectmen Heath Higgins, Charlie Dillon, Scott Grierson, Kathi Thurston, Recording Secretary McKenzie Clough, Town Manager Millard Billings. Visitors included: Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander Newspaper, Melanie Bowden, Joshua Radel, Joseph Pratt, Joseph Murphy-BHBT, Jeff Berzinis-Southwest Boat, Scott Harper, Harbor Master Alex Young, Charles Bulger, Fire Chief Brad Reed, Stewart Murphy-Harbor Committee, Richard Strauss-Bay Transport, Kim Strauss, Michael Wagner and Laurie Schreiber-Bar Harbor Times.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve the July 25, 2005 Selectmen's minutes, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 3-2, Kathi and Steve abstained.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve the minutes of August 1, 2005 Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2005 Special Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon.

Kathi questioned why she was recorded as absent at this meeting. It was explained to Selectmen Thurston that the minutes were done by a different secretary and she was absent therefore recorded as being absent. Motion passed 4-1, Kathi abstained.

**5. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

#11 \$4,792.99

#12 \$4,177.35

#13 \$4,796.42

#14 \$4,594.21

#15 \$75,456.55

#16 \$18,585.35

#17 \$7,853.25

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve warrants 11-17, seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6A. REQUEST FROM BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST TO MEET WITH BOARD**

Joe Murphy, Joe Pratt, Josh Radel and Melanie Bowden were present from Bar Harbor Bank Trust Services. Bar Harbor Bank is offering a new municipal investment service to all municipalities. Mr. Murphy provided the board with several handouts explaining the new accounts the bank has to offer. Selectmen Harper asked to have some time to review the information that was presented. The Selectmen are very interested in the loan rate offered by BHBT. 3.24% is an excellent rate. Town Manager Billings informed the board that the First would be submitting a proposal as well. Town Manager Billings will bring the investment numbers to the next Selectmen's meeting and will review these figures with the board. The biggest concern the Board of Selectmen had was being sure that town money isn't tied up in long term investments. The town needs to be able to access funds in case of emergencies.

### **6B. ELI STRAUSS TO DISCUSS USE OF BARGE AT TOWN RAMP**

The Tremont Harbor Committee met on August 3, 2005 to discuss the impact that Bay Transport is having at the Town Wharf. Harbor Master Young informed the Harbor Committee that there are many safety issues surrounding the use of his barge in the harbor. Chairman Murphy also stated that he felt that the barge was too big to navigate the Harbor and was a safety hazard to others using the Harbor. The conclusion of the Harbor Committee meeting was to recommend to the Tremont Board of Selectmen not to enter into an agreement with Bay Transport until the safety issues are cleared up to the Harbor Master's satisfaction. Bay Transport is transporting heavy construction equipment to the outer islands. Due to the size of the equipment visibility is very poor when navigating the Harbor. Chairman Harper has seen Bay Transport come into the Harbor and agrees that there are many safety issues that need to be considered. Mr. Strauss was upset that he wasn't invited to the Harbor Committee meeting; he feels that he is more than qualified to run the barge and has many years of experience. Chairman Harper stated that the Board of Selectmen needs to back up the Harbor Committee and the Harbor Master's recommendation. Harbor Master Young and Mr. Strauss are willing to work together and come to an agreement about the use of the barge.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to allow Bay Transport to continue operations at the Town Wharf with a special impact fee of \$25.00 per trip for a one month period, under the observance of the Harbor Master. Seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

### **6C. JEFF BERZINIS TO DISCUSS IMPACT FEE**

Mr. Berzinis was present to re-negotiate his contract. Southwest Boat isn't doing as much business in Tremont as in the previous years.

**MOTION** by Chairman Harper to recommend a \$1500.00 impact fee for both Southwest Boats with no daily use fee, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

**6D. BRAD REED TO DISCUSS FIRE STATION BID PROCESS**

Chief Brad Reed was present at meeting to discuss the bid process for the additions to the fire stations. Because this is a unique situation Town Manager Billings received a legal opinion from MMA. The residents approved borrowing money at town meeting in May; all invoices will be paid through disbursement warrants approved by the Tremont Board of Selectmen. The amount to be spent on each station has been capped at \$75,000.00 any remaining money that is left over will revert to surplus and be used to pay the principal of the loan. Chief Reed informed the Selectmen that the entire project has been put out to bid, including the wiring of the station. Several bid packets have been sent to local contractors.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to appoint Brad Reed as Clerk of the Works for the Fire Station projects, seconded by Selectmen Kathi Thurston. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

**6E. CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH CUTRONE**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to grant Town Manager Billings the authority to sign the consent agreement with the Cutrone's, seconded by Selectmen Heath Higgins. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

**6F. DISCUSSION OF CIP AND SELECTMEN'S ONSITE MEETING**

On August 8, 2005 the Tremont Board of Selectmen and the CIP Committee held an onsite visit at the new town office site. At this meeting the board decided on 5 goals that need to be accomplished in the upcoming weeks. The boards would like to contact John Gilbert Well Drilling to come and look at the proposed well site and to make sure there is proper access to this site, soil test pits at the new septic location and design a septic system. Design site drainage system, catch basins, culverts, etc. And set elevations for each floor of the new building as well as the upper and lower parking lots. The architect that drew up the first set of plans is longer working at CES. Town Manager Billings will contact CES for recommendations for another architect.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to go ahead with the requests from the CIP and Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Selectmen Heath Higgins. Motion passed by show of hands 4-0-1 Charlie abstained.

**6G. UPDATE ON CES REPORT ON TOWN LINE SURVEY**

Mike Avery from CES has obtained a picture of Adam's Bridge taken in 1924 from DOT. Mr. Avery and DOT agree that the center of the new Adam's Bridge is two feet to the west of the center of the old bridge. Mr. Avery is going to review old deeds to see if he can find proof that the blue rock at Ship Harbor has moved over the years.

**6H. BID PACKETS FOR RECLAIMING AND PAVING WORK**

Bid proposal for reclaiming and paving Leighton Road, reclaiming and paving the north end of the Cape Road, end of new pavement by Turner Road and paving the south end of the Cape Road have been put in the papers. Sealed bids are to be opened

at 4:00pm on September 12, 2005. Bids for surveying 4 town cemeteries will also go in the papers.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7A. RESIGNATIONS**

Diane Miller has submitted her resignation to the Harbor Committee.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Heath Higgins to accept Diane's resignation, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

### **7B. APPOINTMENTS**

Vacant positions have been advertised in the local papers for several weeks with no response.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Charlie Dillon to appoint Richard Nickerson to the Planning Board until 2007, seconded by Selectmen Scott Grierson. Motion passed by show of hands 4-0-1. Selectmen Harper abstained.

**MOTION** by Chairman Steve Harper to appoint Charlie Dillon to the CIP Committee for a 3 year term, seconded by Selectmen Heath Higgins. Motion passes by show of hands 4-0-1. Charlie abstained.

### **7C. BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST OFFERS LOAN AT 3.24%**

Bar Harbor Banking and Trust offered the town a loan rate of 3.24%. Town Manager Billings is waiting to hear from The First also.

## **8. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

A culvert was replaced on the Cape Road near Jon Gray's home; Ditching has begun on the Bernard Road and Lopaus Point Road.

CES estimates that the surveys for the cemeteries will cost more than \$3000.00. Selectmen will put The Cemetery project out to bid.

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to approve the road name TIMBAVATI for the Shapiro subdivision, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

Wednesday the Public Works crew will be closing McKinley Lane from 9-2, to replace a culvert.

CEO Billings issued an after the fact permit fee to Ralph Shapiro and a notice of violation to Daniel and Naomi Irvine.

## **9. SUGGESTION/COMMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None.

## **10. OTHER**

Town Manager Billings informed the board that he hasn't heard back from the Department of Labor concerning OSHA penalties.

Selectmen Thurston asked about transfer with Adelpia. Town Manager Billings is waiting for information on this.

**11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Next Tremont Board of Selectmen's meeting will be September 12, 2005 at 6:00pm.

**12. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Selectmen Scott Grierson to adjourn the August 22, 2005 Tremont Selectmen's meeting at 8:20pm, seconded by Selectmen Charlie Dillon. Motion passed by show of hands 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

McKenzie Clough

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Steve Harper

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Charlie Dillon

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Heath Higgins

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Scott Grierson

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Kathi Thurston